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| *Knudson, Gladys Marie Gschwendtner | 95 | Pontiac, IL | 19-Nov | Calvert & Martin Funeral Home |

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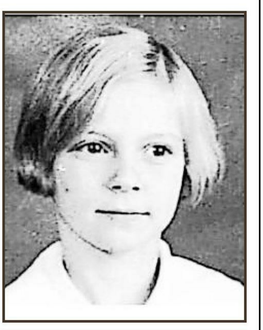
## Gladys Marie Gschwendtner Knudson



**PONTIAC** - Gladys Marie Gschwendtner Knudson, 95, Pontiac, passed away peacefully at home with family by her side on Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 5:10 p.m.

Her funeral will be at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Pontiac, on Monday, November 27, 2023 at 11:00 a.m., with Pastor Wayne Shelksohn officiating. Burial will be in St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery, rural Pontiac. Calvert & Martin Funeral Home, Pontiac is handling the arrangements.

Friends may call from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. until the time of the service at the church.

She was born January 15, 1928 at home to Earl and Eileen Powell Gschwendtner. She attended Brick School, a one-room school one mile east of Pontiac. She graduated from Pontiac Township High School in 1945. She married Charles A. Knudson November 15, 1950. They had four children—JoAn, Boulder, Colorado; John (Judy), Elk River, Minnesota; Mary Lou (Don Bevers), Manitowish Waters, Wisconsin; and Julie (Paul Nielson), Chicago, Illinois.

She graduated from Illinois State University. She taught four years at a a one-room school west of town, Jordan School; one year at Cullom Grade School; and in Pontiac, six years at Ladd School, two years at Central School, and 20 years at Washington School, retiring in 1994. She then substituted in Pontiac's District #429 for ten years.

She is survived by her four children; five grandsons—Jake (Kristina) and Jared (Mari) Abry, and Ross (Trisha), Ryan (Erin), and Robert (McKenzie) Knudson; and nine great grandchildren—Grace, Levi, and Nora Knudson; Chloe and Hailey Knudson; Evan, Ethan, and Lillian Abry; and Catherine Abry.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, three sisters and two brothers—Bernice Edwards, Jo Schultz, Kay Lyons, Alan Gschwendtner, and Denny Gschwendtner, and a granddaughter, Alane Abry.

She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Women of the ELCA, Illinois Retired Teachers of America, Nu Phi Nu and Beta Sigma Phi sororities, and Livingston Co. Retired Teachers. She was a former member of the Wolf Creek Club, Women's Club, Athenia Literary Club, Joanna Circle of St. Paul Lutheran Church, a couples' 500 card club, and Chief City Swingers Square Dance Club.

She loved teaching school, raising her children and enjoying her grandchildren, playing cards, reading, and decorating.

The family suggests any memorials be made to St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery or St. Paul Lutheran Church.

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